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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 2.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 1, 2011**. The deadly storms that moved across the Southern states last week flooded fields in the Delta. Those counties near the Mississippi River also experienced flooding from the high water, but some counties in the south-eastern portion of the state report a lack of precipitation. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 7 percent short, 61 adequate, and 31 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending May 1, 2011

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, planted	97	94	98	98
Corn, emerged	93	84	91	91
Cotton, planted	7	5	35	31
Cotton, emerged	1	--	0	11
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	37	33	40	33
Peanuts, planted	2	--	3	9
Rice, planted	71	57	77	73
Rice, emerged	53	28	55	48
Sorghum, planted	40	37	59	53
Sorghum, emerged	21	14	49	37
Soybeans, planted	30	26	67	63
Soybeans, emerged	23	15	44	43
Watermelons, planted	84	77	86	81
Winter Wheat, jointing	100	100	100	100
Winter Wheat, heading	98	93	85	93

Crop condition for week ending May 1, 2011

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Blueberries	0	0	3	96	1
Corn	1	6	30	46	17
Livestock	0	2	17	60	21
Pasture	0	3	20	59	18
Watermelons	0	0	10	87	3
Winter Wheat	4	11	23	51	11

Comments

“Tunica county received twelve inches of rain over a three day period. Many fields are still underwater in low lying areas. Rivers and ditches are full and backing up into some fields: causing some flooding of wheat, soybeans and corn.”

— Anthony Bland, Tunica

“Flooding will cause farmers to replant some corn fields. Many hay fields were underwater as well this past week.”

— Shelli Benton, Tate

“Rains keep on coming, keeping producers out of fields. Some parts of the county got three inches of rain. There wasn't any damage to crops reported from storms.”

— Pamela Redwine, Yalobusha

“Mississippi River seep water is beginning to saturate some crop land along the mainline levee in Washington County. Very little fieldwork was done this past week.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“High winds and tornado activity blew down wheat in spots in the county early Wednesday morning. Trees were downed on fences, roads and crop fields. Debris littered pastures and fields in these areas.”

— Betsy K Padgett, Holmes

“We have been fortunate to have been spared the terrible storms, but some parts of county need some rain. Planting and putting up hay continue.”

— Randy Smith, Covington

“Rains last week halted all progress and left some crops underwater. Some replanting decisions will likely be made on certain fields, but most of the county is waiting for dry fields, so they can finish planting. Wheat is maturing and will offer an early harvest for many.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“Heavy rains have kept folks out of the field. Hundreds of acres are under water due to flooding. Some parts of the county had hail damage. It will take a while for the flood waters to go down.”

— Don Respass, Quitman

“Heavy winds from storms that passed through Wednesday blew down a lot of wheat and flooded many fields. Wheat can't take standing in water very long and in some fields it will be very slow draining. Hail damage to some fields but it was scattered.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Three to six inches of rain this week stopped all fieldwork. We may start cotton planting by May 4 if we do not receive rain this coming week.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Wet weather delays are starting to put growers behind on field activities such as planting, herbicide application, and fertilizer application. This past week, we had one day suitable for planting soybean and cotton on lighter texture soils. Corn is developing into that rapid growth stage with many fields still needing a second application of nitrogen before it becomes too tall for ground equipment.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Storms brought more rain this week.”

— Juli Hughes, Choctaw

“Most crops sustained the tornado storms fairly well. Some newly-planted fields may have decreased stands due to crusting.”

— Bill Burdine, Chickasaw

“The wheat crop in Wilkinson County is a total loss due to the Mississippi River flooding. At this time it is questionable whether soybeans will be planted.”

— Ann H. Davis, Wilkinson

“Despite last week's storm across the state, Lawrence County got little if any rain.”

— Amanda Walker, Lawrence

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending May 1, 2011

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Clarksdale	83	49	68	66	2	5.60	4.41	4	9.50
Cleveland	85	49	70	67	3	1.67	0.34	2	5.69
Lambert 1W						3.65	2.48	2	6.32
Extreme/Average	85	49	69	66	3	3.64	2.38	3	7.60
North-Central									
Calhoun City	85	47	68	65	3	3.13	1.81	3	8.76
Hickory Flat	82	40	63	63	0	6.52	5.26	5	10.71
Holly Springs	86	43	67	62	5	8.98	7.77	5	12.64
Independence	84	45	66	63	3	10.15	8.96	5	14.06
Oxford	86	45	68	63	5	6.25	5.02	3	12.22
Extreme/Average	86	40	66	64	2	7.01	5.75	4	11.68
Northeast									
Booneville	81	46	66	63	3	5.14	3.85	4	9.82
Corinth 7SW	83	47	67	66	1	9.45	8.20	4	14.36
Pontotoc Exp	83	48	67	64	3	3.19	1.93	3	9.52
Tupelo 2	87	49	70			2.49		3	8.65
Verona	84	49	68	64	4	3.40	2.28	3	10.98
Extreme/Average	87	46	67	64	3	4.73	3.47	3	10.67
Lower Delta									
Belzoni	85	49	70	67	3	1.03	-0.35	2	5.01
Moorhead	85	49	72	67	5	1.46	0.20	3	5.09
Rolling Fork	88	45	72	67	5	2.20	0.94	1	5.43
Yazoo City	88	51	74	68	6	1.40	0.07	1	7.83
Extreme/Average	88	45	72	68	4	1.52	0.20	2	5.84
Central									
Canton 4N	87	46	70	67	3	2.16	0.76	2	6.85
Eupora 2E	85	45	67	64	3	0.13	-1.06	1	5.52
Forest 3S	84	44	69	66	3	2.17	0.91	3	6.88
Winona 5E	82	44	67	62	5	1.70	0.50	3	7.83
Extreme/Average	87	44	68	66	2	1.54	0.23	2	7.19
East-Central									
Aberdeen	83	48	68	65	3	2.36	1.15	3	9.12
Columbus	84	52	71	66	5	2.00	0.84	1	9.10
Macon	85	49	69	65	4	1.38	0.18	1	9.04
State University	86	52	71	65	6	1.57	0.33	2	11.99
Extreme/Average	86	48	69	66	3	1.83	0.57	2	10.07
Southwest									
Crystal Springs	86	46	70	68	2	1.00	-0.28	3	4.60
Natchez	86	44	70	68	2	1.15	-0.18	3	2.49
Oakley Exp	88	34	64	66	-2	2.66	1.41	4	4.61
Vicksburg City	87	53	71			1.45		2	3.98
Woodville 4ESE	87	47	69	68	1	0.92	-0.43	2	1.75
Extreme/Average	88	34	69	68	1	1.44	0.11	3	3.49
South-Central									
Collins	85	43	68	67	1	0.30	-1.01	1	1.40
Columbia	88	49	70	68	2	0.40	-0.93	2	1.07
Monticello	89	49	72	67	5	0.57	-0.83	2	1.97
Raleigh 6N	86	42	68			2.15		3	4.17
Extreme/Average	89	42	69	68	1	0.86	-0.47	2	2.15
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	85	51	71	68	3	0.42	-0.84	2	2.36
Laurel	88	46	69	67	2	0.35	-0.84	2	1.49
Waynesboro 2W	87	48	73	67	6	1.09	0.04	2	4.06
Extreme/Average	88	46	71	67	4	0.62	-0.57	2	2.64
State	89	34	69	66	3	2.37	1.09	3	6.55

DFN=Departure from Normal.